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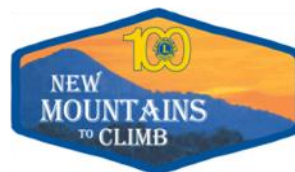
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**YOUR SUBMISSIONS  
ARE ENCOURAGED!**

## New graphics for 2016-17

With a new Lions Year comes new graphics. In the upper left corner is DG James Griffith's pin, and to the right is Intl Pres Bob Corlew's logo.



## Report of the installation dinner held on Wednesday, June 1, at Valente's in Watervliet

We started off the evening with a bit of a seating glitch because they overbooked the back room, but they recovered nicely and got us plenty of space for our installation and awards. Thanks to Lion Kathy Dorn for making the arrangements, to Lion Maryanne Gordon (*in absentia*) for another fun-filled game, to PDG Dave Harris for his always-professional installations, to Lion Diane Hart for documenting the installation in pictures and to Lion Elena Watson for the dinner pictures.



**... Directors Kathy Dorn and Mike O'Brien**

## PDG Dave installing Tail Twister Tom Hart



## ... Club Treasurer Paul Vergoni (L) and Charitable Fund Treasurer Larry Krug



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## MEMBERSHIP

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V-P Elaine Hayner



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Horan and Darian



Lion Jerry presents an appreciation  
award to KL Chris for the first year  
of his presidency



Lion Kathy receives the Robert J Uplinger  
Distinguished Service Award "In recognition  
of her years of service to our club, to Lionism  
and to the community"





**Report of the board meetings held on Wednesday, June 15, at the Route 7 Diner**

Lion Maryanne was absent, but Jerry had her verbal proxy. We were still one shy of a quorum, but we proceeded anyway.

Lion Elena joined us as a guest. Since she's accepted the PR chairmanship, we felt it was important for her to know what's going on.

There are still 8 Lions who haven't paid their dues yet. Dr Ted Belhumeur's letter of resignation said he has retired and will be moving to his new condo in Pompano Beach, FL. 5 Lions have promised to pay, so we could be dropping as many as 3 from the rolls before the end of June.

KL Chris raised the question of changing our meeting places. After some discussion, we decided that both the Red Front and the Route 7 Diner have been more than satisfactory: They don't charge for the room and the food is reasonably priced and more than acceptable. The locations are as good as any, considering the spread of our membership.

Discussing committee chairs, we agreed that the most important ones to fill (now that we have a PR chair) are fund-raising, programs and volunteer coordinator. Lion Fran agreed to chair the fund-raising committee but needs 2 or 3 people to work with her; she has several ideas already that need refining. Lion Paul thought that Lion Kathy might agree to another year as programs chair, in spite of her earlier refusal. *[See page 4 for detailed job descriptions]*

Lion Elena had a few questions about PR, as well as some suggestions.

We decided that October would be a good time for another auction. KL Chris will ask Lion Diane whether she will head up this profitable and fun-filled project.

Committee reports:

Eyeglass requests: Lion Maryanne has issued two vouchers for the twins we had approved last month, and has two more applications out.

Hearing requests: Upon Lion Doug's emailed recommendation, we approved a hearing aid request from a 76-yr-old woman living on social security.

We received thank-you notes from VISIONS and from Sight Society for our recent contributions.

We voted to donate \$200 to NABA for a tee sign at their annual golf tournament.

**Suderinti galimą narį į susitikimą**

*If we keep repeating "Bring a potential member to a meeting," it will soon become old hat. So as part of your continuing education and to keep the thought fresh, we'll say it in a different language each month. This is Lithuanian.*

**Our next meeting ...**

Our next general membership meeting is not until Wednesday, September 7, but if you need a meeting fix, feel free to join us at a board meeting. They're on the 3rd Wednesday at 6 PM at the Route 7 Diner. All members are always welcome.

## **KidSight**

None in July, and probably not in August, either.

## **Blood Drive**

Thanks to Lions Paul Vergoni and Elena Watson and Partners-in-Service Laura Vergoni and Paul Quantock for working at the blood drive at the East Greenbush Library on May 23, and to Lion Carol for making all the arrangements. There were 5 new donors. 41 units of blood were collected, which is enough to potentially save 123 lives.

Our next drive is on Thursday, July 7, from 1-7pm, at the Hilton Garden Inn on Hoosick St. There will be three work shifts: 1-3, 3-5 and 5-7, and we need two people for each shift, one for the registration desk and one for the canteen. It's only two hours - sign up now with Carol at **664-3901** or **cquantoc@nycap.rr.com**.

## **Help Wanted ...**

C'mon, folks, you became a Lion to be of service. We're starting to put our committees together for the 2016-17 Lions year, and it would be really great if some of you stepped forward. About 2/3 of you never come to meetings. We'd love it if you did, but you can do most of this committee work from home.

**Fund-Raising:** Lion Fran has agreed to be chair, but she needs a few people to work with her. It won't be your job to actually raise funds - we want the committee to find fund-raising activities that are suitable for our general membership. We're open to any reasonable suggestions.

**Membership:** Lion Ruth is membership chair, but she could use two committee members to help her come up with ideas to increase our membership.

**Programs:** Arrange for some interesting speakers. We already have several people who would like to speak, and there are many district chairs who would like to visit us. (When you take out the summer, our special meetings and the DG's visit, we need only 7 speakers for the year.)

**Volunteering:** This involves arranging for blood drives - roughly one per quarter. Lion Carol can supply the contacts at the Red Cross. Feel free to find other opportunities for Lions to volunteer their services.

**Auction:** Our last auction was two years ago. We raised lots of money and had a good time. Now we need a committee to help us do it again.

### ***Lion Phil Harris***



We were saddened to report the passing of Lion Phil on June 17. He had been a Lion for only four years, but long before he joined, he had visited many clubs and attended district events, state conventions and even international conventions in the company of his good friend and kid brother, PDG Dave Harris. Our deepest condolences go out to PDG Dave and his family.

## **Buying on line...**

If you're planning on making a purchase at amazon.com, do it from **SMILE.AMAZON.COM** instead. You can specify **ALBANY AND TROY LIONS** as your charity of choice, and we'll get 0.5% of whatever you spend.



## Salute to Lions Day at Guiding Eyes for the Blind



Every summer, Guiding Eyes for the Blind holds a Salute to Lions Day at their training facility in Yorktown Heights, NY, which is about a two-hour drive down the Taconic Parkway. It includes awards, tours and refreshments, and we typically present our annual donation at that time.

Back in 2010, about a dozen of us went down. It was a very pleasant and worthwhile trip where we learned a lot about how they train service dogs for the blind and for children with autism. This year, it's on **Saturday, July 30**, from 11am - 2pm.

Lion Doug and Vincenza, Lion Ursula and Lion Fran have signed up to go this year. If you're interested, please let Lion Jerry know as soon as you can ([jerrygordon@juno.com](mailto:jerrygordon@juno.com) or 235-8232). Naturally, we'll do as much ride-sharing as we can.

### On a personal note ...

If you're lucky enough to have good-looking grandchildren (and who isn't?), and you know how to put their pictures on Facebook (and Lion Ruth Sano certainly does), then you can probably get them published here (especially when I have space). Lion Ruth's grandkids, Jack, Liam, Mila & Bennett, prepare for their Uncle Mike (Ruth's son) and Aunt Lauren's wedding at Veritas Vineyards in Afton, VA, on June 18.





## Lions Centennial and a bit of history

As you well know, LCI is 100 years old in 2017. The International convention next year is in Chicago, Lions' home town, from June 30-July 4, 2017, and it should be a doozie. If you've never been to an international convention, or even if you have, give some serious thought to attending this one. I think it would be great if we could get a group together. (FYI: Albany to Chicago is about a 2-hour flight, a 13-hour car ride or a 16-hour overnight train ride.)

To celebrate LCI's 50th anniversary, The Post Office issued a 5¢ "Search for Peace" commemorative stamp in 1967. I learned this because a friend of mine who collects old postcards just bought me the first-day cover shown here.



### SEARCH FOR PEACE

The International Association of Lions Clubs had its beginnings in the early part of the century. Incorporated under this title on October 24th, 1916 in Indiana by Dr. William P. Woods, the club's growth began. In the early days this service club was a knife and fork club, meeting usually for the luncheon hour. The need to spread soon was evident and Melvin Jones, an insurance man, took over the promotion of the club, a labor which lasted until his death in 1961.

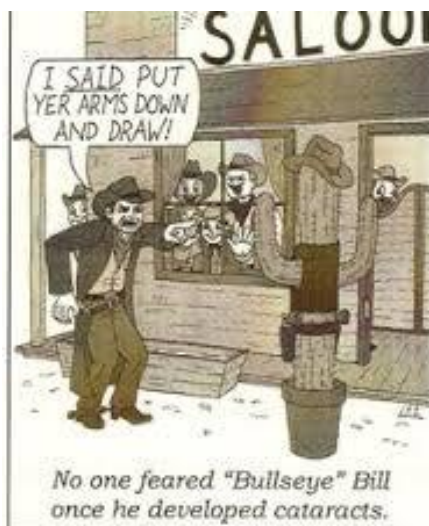
The national organization was founded on June 7th, 1917 in Chicago's Hotel LaSalle and the first Lions convention took place in Dallas, Texas from October 8th to 10th, 1917 with Dr. Woods being elected to the presidency by the 46 delegates from the 23 participating clubs. Shortly thereafter the name Lions was described by Attorney Halsted Ritter as spelling out, "... not only the King of Beasts ... it stands not only for fraternity, good fellowship, strength of character and purpose, but its letters L-I-O-N-S herald ... the true meaning of ... Citizenship: Liberty, Intelligence, Our Nation's Safety ..."

The Dallas convention produced the Constitution, a Code of Ethics and Objects, the purple and gold colors and set the club on its way to service. Lions International today have over 15,000 clubs and more than 760,000 members in over one hundred thirty countries. Club activities are of a civic nature and include patriotism, education, community betterment, health, welfare, safety, sight conservation, boys and girls activities, aid to the blind, etc.

Born in the war year of 1917 and believing peace to be possible, Lions International sponsored a peace essay contest for youth throughout the free world on the occasion of its Golden Jubilee. Eight winners received prizes at the Chicago convention in July 1967. At the same session, the United States Post Office Department issued a five cent "Search for Peace" commemorative postage stamp, the first day of issue being July 5th, 1967.



Learn about centennial events at [LIONS100.ORG](http://LIONS100.ORG)





Our next **BLOOD DRIVE** will be **Thursday, July 7, from 1 PM - 7 PM** at the **Hilton Garden Inn on Hoosick St.** We need volunteers:

- ♦ To work at the registration desk and the canteen at the drive,
- ♦ And to donate blood.

If you can do either or both of these, please sign up with Lion Carol at [cquantoc@nycap.rr.com](mailto:cquantoc@nycap.rr.com) or **664-3901**. Shifts will be 1-3, 3-5 and 5-7.

### Happy Birthday!

Happy **July** birthday to only one A&T Lion:

25th - Jerry Gordon



### Happy Anniversary!

Happy Lions Anniversary to only one **July** inductee:

Tom Hart - 9 years

July 2016						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4 Independence Day	5	6	7 Blood Drive; see pages 4, 7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 6pm: Board meeting at the Route 7 Diner	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30 Lions Day at Guiding Eyes; see page 5
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## SCHUYLerville LIONS CLUB



WINE BEER CIDER FOOD

TASTING – JULY 23, 2016

SATURDAY 4-7PM TICKETS \$25 EACH\*

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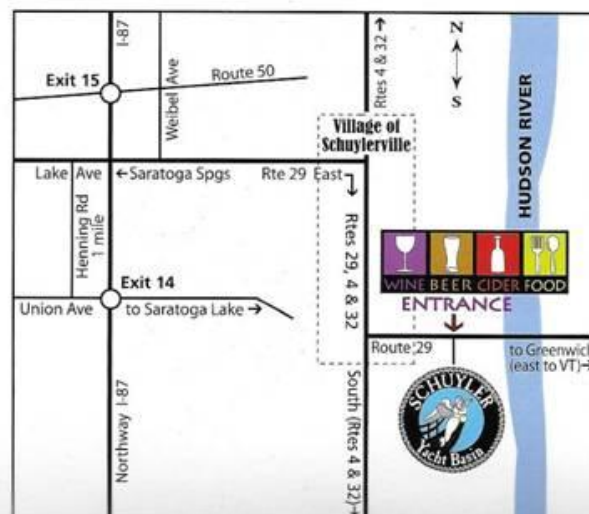
# 10TH ANNUAL WINE BEER CIDER FOOD TASTING

sponsored by the  
Schuylerville Lions Club

located at  
Schuyler Yacht Basin

1 Ferry Street on the Hudson River in Schuylerville, New York

The July 23, 2016, event features local restaurants and food vendors hosting booths offering tasty samples of their fare paired with booths offering wine, beer and hard cider tastings available from the area's major and boutique distributors.



\*Map not drawn to scale. Approximately 10 mi. from Saratoga Springs to Schuylerville